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SUMMARY. AT SGTA MEETING DEC 17-18 US AND CANADIAN REPS WERE UNABLE TO PERSUADE SHAPE TO DROP ITS PROPOSAL, WHICH AGGREGATES ASSUMPTIONS FROM THEIR NEW PARAMETERS TO THE BASE CASE AIR CAMPAIGN COMPUTER MODEL (REF A). US REP RESERVED IN EFFORT TO KEEP SUB-GROUP ANALYSIS ALONG DIRECTION AGREED IN REFS B AND C. ACTION REQUESTED: WASHINGTON GUIDANCE.
END SUMMARY.

1. CHAIRMAN EMPHASIZED THAT A COMPREHENSIVE REPORT FROM THE SUB-GROUP WAS IMPORTANT. CHAIRMAN THEN ASKED THE
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DOAE REP TO BRIEF THE GROUP ON THE RESULTS OF COMPUTER AIR CAMPAIGN MODEL RUNS OF EXCURSIONS AGREED BY THE SUB-GROUP AT ITS LAST MEETING. CANADIAN REP INTERRUPTED AND ASKED WHETHER A MEETING TO CONSIDER SHAPE'S NEW

PROPOSALS IS PROPER SINCE THEIR PROPOSALS REOPEN ISSUES ALREADY AGREED IN THE SUB-GROUP. NETHERLANDS REP EMPHASIZED NEED TO FOLLOW MILITARY COMMITTEE JUDGEMENT. US REP, WHILE AGREEING WITH NEED FOR MILITARY JUDGEMENT TO BE APPLIED, URGED THAT GROUP TAKE NO ACTION THAT WOULD CHANGE THE BASIC ASSUMPTIONS ALREADY AGREED. CHAIRMAN THEN STATED HE FELT THE MILITARY AUTHORITIES' VIEWS REFLECTED IN THE SHAPE PROPOSALS MUST BE CONSIDERED.

2. TURNING TO THE SHAPE PROPOSALS, CHAIRMAN SAID CONSIDERATION OF THESE WAS NEEDED TO ROUND OUT THE SUB-GROUP STUDY EFFORT. SHAPE REP MADE HIS PRESENTATION AND GERMAN REP IMMEDIATELY SUPPORTED HIM, CHARACTERIZING SHAPE VIEW AS CRITICAL TO THE BASIC ANALYSIS. US REP, WHILE ACKNOWLEDGING THE NEED TO CONSIDER THE SHAPE POSITION, STATED THAT IT COULD BE ACCOMMODATED IN THE AGREED EXCURSIONS TO THE BASE CASE ANALYSIS AND THE SUBJECTIVE ANALYSIS PART OF THE REPORT. SHAPE REP DISAGREED, INDICATING IT SHOULD BE INCLUDED WITH THE BASE CASE CAMPAIGN. GERMAN REP AGREED WITH SHAPE, POINTING OUT THE EFFECT OF INCREASED OPERATIONAL SUPPORT SORTIES ON THE GROUND WAR. US REP ARGUED THAT THIS WOULD DISTORT THE BASIC ANALYSIS AND, IN EFFECT, SEND THE SGTA BACK TO THE DRAWING BOARD. CHAIRMAN THEN TABLED A MATRIX OF ALL THE ASSUMPTIONS PROPOSED FOR INCLUSION IN A DRAFT SUMMARY REPORT. COMMENT: MATRIX IS IN TWO PARTS. FIRST PART, M PLUS 10/M PLUS 1 SITUATION, LISTS ASSUMPTIONS IN THREE CATEGORIES--NATO UNFAVORABLE CASE, CENTRAL CASE (FORMER BASE CASE A), AND NATO FAVORABLE CASE. PART TWO, M PLUS 30/M PLUS 23 SITUATION, LISTS THEM IN TWO CATEGORIES--NATO UNFAVORABLE CASE AND NATO FAVORABLE CASE (FORMER BASE CASE B). END COMMENT.

3. US REP DISAGREED WITH MATRIX BECAUSE IT CHANGES THE THRUST OF THE STUDY FROM A BASE CASE ANALYSIS WITH EXCURSIONS.

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4. BACKED BY GENERAL SUPPORT OF THE SUB-GROUP (EXCEPT US AND CANADA), THE CHAIRMAN CALLED FOR A DRAFT REPORT INCLUDING THE MATRIX OF ASSUMPTIONS. US REP RESERVED. DRAFT WILL BE PREPARED REFLECTING OBJECTIONS OF US AND CANADA PRIOR TO NEXT MEETING IN LATE JANUARY 1974.

5. REQUEST GUIDANCE.

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